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MEMO FOR: Project Director

Is an approach like the following useful in the reply to the Soviet protest?

" Being unsupported by any factual information and now controverted by the clear and unequivocal statements of the Department of Defense of the U.S., the allegations of the Soviet Union contained in its note of ___ July 1956 must, therefore, bear the interpretation that they are only intended ^{ed} to discredit the inspection procedures proposed by the President of the U.S. at Geneva in July 1955. The Government of the U.S., ~~therefore~~ ^{consequently} believes that it must take this occasion to remark further on the usefulness of the procedures proposed by the President of the U.S. for assuring the nations of the world ^{against} ~~that~~ wide-spread hostilities, ~~are not intended~~. The original proposal and those made since that time by the Government of the U.S. in its effort to bring about disarmament and the lasting peace, included the utilization of aircraft and observation equipment for inspection purposes. The Government of the U.S. believes together with other nations of the world that such procedures are ^{an} ~~essential~~ ^{ingredient} for accomplishing the inspection so necessary to carrying out actual disarmament, to removing the tensions which exist between nations and, to lessening unrest throughout the World. ¹⁶ Having made these proposals in world

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^uforms the Government of the U.S. will continue to seek the acceptance ^{in these forums} of these procedures by the Government of the USSR. In doing so the Government of the U.S. assures ^{Nations of the} the World and the Government of the USSR ^{in particular the United States} that it has not and will not substitute unilateral military reconnaissance for multilateral acceptance of an inspection system

designed to assure world peace. The government of the United States would also point out that agreement ^{on} ~~for~~ inspection procedures would make it unnecessary for representatives of the Soviet Union and agents in its employ to procure information on United States installations by clandestine methods such as etc. —